

GRANITEVILLE

Red Cross Workers Get Letters of Appreciation from Soldiers.

The following letters came to the Graniteville Red Cross from Malcom Mackintosh and John Murray, who are with the American expeditionary forces in France:

Feb. 25, 1918.  
To the Ladies of the Graniteville Red Cross: I wish to take this opportunity of thanking all for the package of smokes received two days ago. It was indeed a pleasant surprise for me to find the package waiting for me Saturday evening and all from Graniteville.

I was glad to hear that the Graniteville branch of the Red Cross was about the best in the state and I wish them all good luck with the work they are doing.

I am separated from the rest of the boys from the hill, although John Murray and Gordon Guy are not very far away. France is quite a country but everything is old fashioned. I'd rather be in the state of Vermont just the same.

Again thanking you for your package, I am,

M. MacAskill.  
My dear Home People: It is not easy to express my gratitude for your kindness and generosity. You people at home cannot imagine what it means to us when a package lands here from back there in "God's country." We are not uncomfortable, but we are not happy, and we cannot help longing for the green hills, the pleasant streets, the whole houses, and last but not of all, for the pleasure of hearing the English language spoken.

Strange to say that the hardest thing of all is this blame, having and "may copreany pay." I spelled those words the way they sound. We meet those words whenever we try to ask a question. They mean, "don't understand you," and I never doubt them at all. It would make anybody laugh to watch some of our fellows trying to ask them for something. It reminds me of the time I used to give signals on the quaires, all the hand waving that goes on.

But they are a good bunch of fellows just the same; they would do anything for us. It is when we get into our "two-by-four" at night, after the work of day is over and we light up our old T.O.s that we can be back home in imagination. And, believe me, I am looking forward to the day that Kaiser Bill will throw up hands and say "I have had enough of this thrashing; give me a rest." Nothing doing until he is trimmed within an inch of his life, then we will all go back to the good old town again and stay there. I am thinking of some of the fellows who have been at the front line were asked what they found hardest to hear and they said, "Well, it was kind of hard to get used to shells whizzing and the guns booming but it sure was terrible when the whole company ran out of smokes. And now you see people will perhaps understand how much I mean when I say "thank you all" for your kindness in remembering me and I wish each and every one of the Red Cross ladies the best of luck and happiness. Best regards to all I know in Barre and Barre Town.

Corp. John Murray.

The following letter was received by Cicely Keough, an eight-year-old girl who helped to knit a pair of socks for a soldier:

Vancouver, March 16.

Dear Little Girl: Will drop you a few lines to thank you for the stockings I am wearing and they fit me fine. And you are a nice little girl to help knit stockings for the soldier boys.

I am in a big training camp. There are about 12,000 soldiers here. If you lived here you would see lots of soldiers. I expect to go to France very soon.

You say you have no sisters. I have sisters and brothers, but they are older than I am. I have one brother in the army over in France. And one of my sisters is a nurse—not a Red Cross nurse. She works at the Barre City hospital. I had a letter from her the other day and she told me she would be through there soon, and that she would become a Red Cross nurse. So, if she does, there will be three of us in the army. My home is in Barre and I have met a few fellows out here from up there. I also met some fellows from Graniteville—they are Tommy Hailey and Mike Miles. They both seem to like you here.

We have a big Y. M. C. A. out here. It is a place where soldiers go to read and write letters. Every night they have moving pictures, and singing and dancing. So if a soldier gets lonely and thinks about home he can go over there and it will cheer him up. Well I will close for this time. Ernest Thompson.

Misses Catherine Smith and Jessica Macleiver of Danville are spending the Easter holiday here.

Harold Carey, who attends St. Michael's college, is having 10 days' vacation.

Miss Clara Murphy, who has been spending a few weeks in Boston, returned Wednesday.

Miss Agnes Murphy, a student at Mount St. Mary's in Burlington, is spending the Easter holidays at her home.

Miss Theresa Miles is visiting in Montpelier.

A daughter was born Wednesday, March 27, to Mr. and Mrs. Murdo Murray.

Grand Easter ball in Gilbert's hall, Graniteville, Monday, April 1. Music, Eriksen orchestra, three pieces. Refreshments served at 12 o'clock at regular price. Dancing from 8 to 2. Admission, \$1 a couple. Ladies free—adv.

WOODBURY

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Davis and daughter, Marion, of Woodbury were recent visitors at Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis.

Harry Davis is quite ill with pneumonia.

Herbert Boyce of Elmore was in town the first of the week on business.

Mrs. Albert Mitchell and children of Barre were over Sunday visitors of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Ross.

Eber Bashaw of North Calais visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gallop Sunday.

Mrs. Hattie Davenport of Cabot is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Weeks.

Harry Barton has been engaged to take care of the town farm the ensuing year and has taken possession.

Da Carr is in Barre, a guest of her sister, Mrs. Harry Holt.

George Parker, who has been confined to the bed for the past two weeks, is convalescing.

Fred Ricker of Barre was an over Sunday guest of his mother, Mrs. Henry Hull.

Arthur Giese of Montpelier visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Giese, over the week end.

Robert Boyce and son, Herbert, of Elmore were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis.

Henry Hull was home from his work in Barre over the week end.

Blanche Ainsworth is a guest of relatives in Montpelier this week.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Dawson Thursday, March 28.

GROTON

Body of Miss Maude Moore Brought from Montpelier for Burial.

The body of Miss Maude Moore was brought here Thursday afternoon from Montpelier, where her death occurred Wednesday morning. Burial was beside her mother in the village cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Green of East Montpelier, cousins of Miss Moore, and several friends accompanied the body. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hosmer of Woodsville, N. H., who were also cousins, were here to attend the burial service. Miss Moore and her mother, Mrs. Ellen Moore, formerly residing in this vicinity and are pleasantly remembered by many.

Mrs. Clayton Foster returned to her home at Bath, N. H., Thursday after visiting her sister, Mrs. George Clark.

Offs Smith of Wells River and Charles Ford of Newbury were business visitors in town yesterday.

Miss Jennie Page is visiting her sister, Mrs. Brooks Hudson, at Springfield, Mass.

Mrs. Stephen Burton of Bath, N. H., was the guest of Mrs. Maribah Taylor several days this week.

Ray Heath of Woodsville, N. H., was at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heath, Wednesday.

Mrs. James Frost and children of Montpelier were visitors in town Tuesday and Wednesday.

Charles Frost of Lisbon, N. H., was a visitor at O. M. Crown's Wednesday.

Mrs. Sadie Betts returned to her home at Tilton, N. H., Tuesday after a visit of several days with her daughter, Mrs. Herman Peters.

Mr. M. H. Whitehill arrived at her home here Wednesday from St. Johnsbury, where she and her husband have been at the home of their son, G. W. Whitehill, through the winter.

Mrs. Clinton Page was a visitor in St. Johnsbury on Thursday.

Mrs. H. L. Tillotson left Thursday morning for Malden, Mass., to visit her son, Dr. Harris Price.

Mrs. Malcolm Page went Thursday to Burlington to visit her small daughter, where the child will receive treatment at the Mary Fletcher hospital.

Mrs. R. N. Darling and daughter, Ruth, of Bradford, were visitors in town Thursday.

George French of Topsham has purchased the residence of Mrs. Lena Heath in this village.

Mrs. Leslie Thurston of Bellows Falls is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Rich, who are accompanied by Muriel Pillsbury, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Pillsbury, who will visit her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Pillsbury, and A. S. Clark.

Mrs. Frank Walker of Barre was the guest of friends here Thursday, leaving Friday morning for Lyndonville.

Doris James was in Barre Tuesday to attend the funeral of his nephew, Chester Earl Magoon, who died in a naval hospital at Portsmouth, Va.

Rev. Mr. Bailey of South Ryegate preached at the special service at the Methodist church Tuesday evening, and Rev. A. H. Welch of Fairlee was the speaker Wednesday evening. Thursday evening the pulpit was supplied by Rev. A. W. Hewitt of Plainfield. Rev. F. W. Lewis, who was taken ill with a severe cold a week ago, has been confined to the house during the week.

At the Methodist church Sunday morning, Rev. Mr. Huntington B. Stutz, D. D., of Worcester, O., will be the speaker with the Easter message. Dr. Stutz is in the state on educational work and will give an address that should be heard with interest and profit. Dr. Stutz will also speak at the union service in the Baptist church Sunday evening.

Miss Viola Lagare, who is a student at St. Johnsbury academy, is at her home here for the Easter vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Bailey were at Wells River Thursday night, when Mr. Bailey attended the bankers' meeting at Hale's tavern.

SOUTH RYEGATE

Mrs. James Beaton spent Monday and Tuesday at Hanover, N. H., hospital with her daughter, Jeanie, who has been ill with a severe cold but is now improved.

Robert Gibson, being informed that his call to army service will not come for some months, started Tuesday afternoon for New Concord, O., to take up his interrupted studies at Muskingum college while waiting for further notice of Uncle Sam's plans for him.

Word has been received that Privates Alex J. Smith and Walter Buchanan have been transferred from Camp Johnston, Fla., to Camp Merritt, N. J., and relatives of the young men here expect that this is the first move in a journey to "somewhere in France."

B. O. Smith, a merchant in Orleans, has bought out the entire remaining stock of goods in the Terry store and has several men employed this week packing the goods for immediate shipment to Orleans.

Mrs. N. A. Park and Mrs. A. B. Bone were visitors in St. Johnsbury Saturday.

Rev. W. T. Bailey received a pleasant call at C. M. Libby's Saturday afternoon from six young ladies of his congregation, Misses Marjorie and Joanna Tewksbury, Miss Gwendolyn Hooker, Miss Doris Terry, Miss Barbara Beaton and Miss Gladys Gray, the occasion being Mr. Bailey's 30th birthday.

Mrs. Minnie White is caring for Mrs. W. S. Farquharson, who, her many friends are glad to hear, is much improved and able to sit up a good deal of the time.

Mrs. Jennie Hooker has left W. S. Farquharson's and is now with her daughters, Mrs. Leon Odell and Gwendolyn Hooker, at their tenement in William Darling's house.

The U. P. church is holding special services during this week in preparation for communion, which will be observed next Sunday.

Mrs. Martha Kidder of Newbury Center, an old lady 80 years of age, is visiting her granddaughter, Mrs. Charles Armstrong.

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CABOT

Something Doing When "Yanks" Reached Trenches—Fine Spirit Shown.

Private Harold E. Wilson wrote to a friend in Cabot from somewhere in France as follows: Feb. 22, 1918.

I am well and happy and am writing this in a French-American Y. M. C. A. but that is located near by to our rest camp. Just think of it, we are having a rest. This letter seems to me like the most important one I have written for I am writing it after our having been in front for a little while with the dutchmen. Yes, we have been up and down with them for a few days, and had a very delightful time. I am not going to go into details at all, for if I once got started I don't know when to end, so I don't think I will attempt to say very much about it. Have seen a lot of very interesting scenes since we left our place of training and presume we shall soon see a whole lot more. I have seen a town after town that is totally ruined and deserted. There are just shell holes and trenches to be seen everywhere and you would think there had been under the fire of the big guns and seen a lot of air battles. It all seemed very interesting, but it is kind of a peculiar experience to go through when you are out on guard at a gun and you can hear the shells whistle over your dome and then go "bang" not a great ways from you.

The Germans have got some awful good guns, judging from the sound of them, and believe me, they know how to use them too. I do not like to bestow any praise upon them, but you have got to hand it to them for being wonderful soldiers. The boys all marched in with fine spirit and all went out the same way and if the "Boosh" scared any of us very much it certainly did not show. I'll admit it is no place for a nervous man, but then all you have got to do is to trust to luck that you won't get hit, so why worry? We had just one accident in our outfit and I hear that there were two killed in our infantry. It was not a very noisy affair, but the Yanks got there and when we did the Bosch put them over in regular style. Most of the time we were there, I was quartered in a snug little dugout with four other comrades and two French soldiers. When we were not on duty we would usually play "chick" and afterward, as one fellow in my squad said, be rocked to sleep by the jar in the bed caused by exploding shells.

We had a table to eat on, and some benches, so that it was really kind of home-like. I really kind of hated to leave the place, but probably I won't stay there the next time. I guess I have said about enough along this line and possibly this will not get by.

Hoping this will find you well and happy, I will close, hoping to hear from any of my friends in Cabot, as I appreciate their letters very much. Harold E. Wilson was once a resident of Barre. His father, Will Wilson, and mother, Nellie, both died there.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Batchelder Saturday, March 23.

George Witham was a visitor in Hardwick the first of the week.

Elmer Labaree went to Montpelier Tuesday on business.

An error in Wednesday's Times should have read Mrs. Lenora Laird, instead of Leonard Laird.

The birth of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Osgood occurred March 19, instead of 20.

Will Stinson was in Montpelier Wednesday to attend the funeral of W. R. Grandfield.

Charles Crane was a visitor in Montpelier and Barre Thursday and Friday.

Leslie Tucker was in North Montpelier the first of the week.

Isaac Taber of North Calais visited E. P. Walbridge and other relatives this week.

Miss Alice Goodale visited her mother in East Calais recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Eastman of Hardwick were in town Thursday as guests at Joe O'Donnell's.

Maurice Walbridge was home from Middlebury college two days this week.

Mrs. George Witham is caring for Mrs. Matthew Batchelder and infant son.

Mrs. Elvora Russell is visiting her mother at East Calais.

Summary of the articles sent by the Red Cross for the Belgians: 37 pieces men's clothing, 13 men's overcoats, three boys' overcoats, 8 boys' clothing, 6 ladies' suits, 44 ladies' coats, 60 ladies' clothing, 8 pairs shoes and slippers, 10 pieces bedding, 29 women's underwear, 64 children's clothing, 88 ladies' clothing, 37 miscellaneous, total 396; weight, 559 pounds. The 'ks are hereby extended to those who so kindly assisted in the work.

WATERBURY

The services for the federated churches to-morrow will be held in the Methodist Episcopal church in the morning and Congregational church in the evening, the services being at the usual time, with the supposition that all clocks have been set according to the new ruling—summer time. In the morning there will be a communion service for all, baptism and reception of members for those joining the Methodist church. In the evening, baptism and reception of members for those joining the Congregational church.

Rev. Verne L. Smith, as pastor, will have for his sermon more in the line of a talk to those entering church membership. Music for the day by the chorus choir, under leadership of E. G. Miller, will be in the morning, the anthems, "Consider the Lilies" (Tollip), "They Have Taken Away My Lord" (Stainer), and the carol, "Sax Ye My Love Where the Violet Blooms." In the evening the cantata, "From Death to Life," by Bartlett, will be given. The instrumental numbers will be violin solos by Earl Twombly from Gounod's "Redemption," including "Lovely Apparition, Over the Mountains" and "March to Calvary." The young people's service will be in the chapel of the Congregational church.

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HARDWICK

Rev. William Garner Leaves Monday for Northern Texas.

Rev. William Garner, rector of the St. Baptist Episcopal mission in this place, leaves next Monday morning for his new field of labor in a town in northern Texas, after about two years' pastorate here, and in which time this family has made hosts of friends, who very much regret their departure but wish them all success and prosperity in their new home.

Ben Carpenter returned Friday from Springfield, Mass., where he was called by the death of a brother.

Mrs. G. B. Shipman is spending the week in New York City with her sister, Mrs. Henry Bell.

Louise Paquette, teller in the Swanton Savings bank, was a guest of his father, O. J. Paquette, last Thursday, returning Friday morning.

W. C. Clifford, general manager of the Woodbury Granite company, was in town Tuesday and Wednesday from Bethel.

Mrs. P. A. Wakefield and son are visiting in Hyde Park.

C. C. Cochran was in Burlington Friday on a business trip.

At a very slimly attended special school meeting at the academy building Thursday evening the tax rate voted was \$1.13, the same as the past few years.

Next Friday evening at the parlors of the Congregational church a reception will be tendered the new pastor, Rev. Mr. Wattle, and his wife. The public is most cordially invited.

After the regular business of the scout meeting Thursday evening, the scouts, 50 in number, formed in line and marched to the residence of Assistant Scoutmaster Garner on West Church street, where they stood facing the house while the scoutmaster rapped at the door and asked Mr. Garner to step outside. He was presented with two new books as a token of the good he had done since he had been connected with the scouts in this place, the valuable advice he had given at divers times, after which each scout marched by Mr. Garner and shook hands with him, wishing him Godspeed in his coming journey. It was a complete surprise to Mr. Garner.

Mrs. John Bennett of Walden was recently admitted to the Hardwick hospital for treatment.

Harley Pearson of East Hardwick was admitted to the hospital a few days ago for treatment.

L. A. Lebel, who recently completed his labors in the office of the Woodbury Granite company in this place as a monumental designer, leaves next Monday for Boston, where he has secured a very lucrative position along similar lines of work. Mr. Lebel's family will move there in the near future.

A small quantity of maple syrup was brought into the village Thursday and was selling for \$2.25 per gallon.

In connection with the presentation ceremonies of 17 medals to the boy scouts, and with the approval and sanction of the local Liberty loan committee, there will be a preliminary Liberty loan rally at the opera house next Thursday evening, April 4, at 8 o'clock, with the following program: Music, scout orchestra; flag salute and pledge of allegiance; reading of President Wilson's letter to scouts; Scoutmaster Drew; presentation of medals; Bernard J. Mulcahy; song, boy scouts; Liberty loan No. 1 (George H. Mould); music, scout orchestra; "What the Scouts Have Done and Are Doing," George James; "Y. M. C. A. and C. of C. Work," Rev. J. M. Kennedy; "Red Cross," Judge W. H. Taylor; "America," everybody; scout yell. This program should appeal to all patriotic people and there should be an excellent attendance.

Miss Mary J. Waters is spending the Easter vacation at her home in Johnson.

Mrs. C. T. Pierce is on the sick list.

C. S. Cobb and wife are spending a few days in Wells River.

Mrs. Charles A. Morse has returned from Boston.

Sixty-six dogs were licensed up to Friday night.

WOLCOTT

C. E. Haskell returned home from Boston Sunday.

M. T. Denton, G. T. Allen and C. W. Boardman attended the listers' meeting at Burlington Wednesday.

Cedric Davis is working for B. R. Woodmansee.

Stanley Mason has returned home from a visit with relatives in Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Taylor, who have been stopping at Lancaster, N. H., expect to return here early in April.

Bert Balch is working for E. A. Dutton in Craftsbury.

Miss Elsie Perkins is on the sick list.

E. Taylor of Morrisville was a visitor in town Friday.

Ransom Goodrich is visiting in Portland, Me.

WAITSFIELD

Miss Louise Gleason is home from Montpelier during the spring vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Salls gave a sugar party to a gathering of neighbors last Wednesday evening.

Fred Baird of Barre was in town this week.

Fay Kelly has been visiting in Waitsfield during vacation of the school in Montpelier.

Mr. Venable, principal of the high school, has gone to his home in Bennington a few days.

Philip Bisbee is home from Holyoke, Mass.

James Moriarty came home from North Truro, Mass., Thursday afternoon.

A. N. Poland had a sugar party yesterday at the Carroll sugar place. About 15 were present.

Easter will be observed in the Congregational church next Sunday, services being held in the auditorium.

WILLIAMSTOWN

George Savory Tells of Hardships of War.

Miss Nellie Daley has received the following letter from her nephew, Corp. George B. Savory of the 7th Co., 101st ammunition train, A. E. F.: Somewhere in France, Feb. 17, 1918.

Dear Aunt: As I have not much to do this evening, thought I would answer your most welcome letter I received day before yesterday. To-day is Sunday, but it does not seem that way to me. I had to work all day; in fact, I have to every Sunday. Every day is alike over here. We can't lay abed until noon the way I could at home and then go out and have a good time. It is business all the time. The only time I have some snow was the first week in January, and that was just a little flurry. It went away nearly as fast as it fell. Just the same, with all its snow and cold weather, I had rather be in old Vermont than over here in "sunny France." Believe me, it is not all sunshine and roses here now. There is a big cloud over everything. I cannot tell you where I am, but am near enough the firing lines now so that I have the roar of the big guns to sing me to sleep nights. I have seen aeroplane raids and flights in the air. The city I am in now was raided last night. It was a little lively around here for a short time, but these raids do not last long. Everything is done up in short order. How are grandpa and grandma? I hope they are both well. Where is Joe now? If he is still there, give him my best regards. You folks think things are high over there, but what would you think if you had been in this war four years and had to pay what the French do for their things? I feel sorry for the way some of the girls and women in France have to work. If some of our American women had to work the way those women do, I believe it would kill them. They may have to, for this war is not over, and it won't be for a long time yet. The women in England are working just the same. When I was there it seemed funny to have a woman come along in a trolley car and collect fares. I have also seen them out in the fields plowing.

When you get this letter, be sure and answer soon, but you must not always expect an answer from me, as it is hard for me to find time. I have a good many letters, but am always wanting more. They are the only things we get to cheer us up. Tell all my friends I will be very glad to hear from them and give them all my best regards. Also tell my folks that you heard from me and that I am well. I have written to them nearly every week, but you know letters are a long while going over. I must close, and be sure and write soon. With love to all.

George.

The next meeting of the W. R. C. will be held in Old Fellows' hall on the afternoon of April 4. Meetings have been held at the homes of members of the organization during the winter and the next meeting will be the first one for some time to be held in the hall.

Word comes from Arden L. Hayward that he is liking well in California and is staying just now with his old neighbor on the south hill, Benjamin L. Bailey, for several years a resident of Orange Cove, in that state.

Robert B. Parker, a former teacher of the grammar school in the village, is visiting friends in town. He is now one of the teachers in Brigham academy, Bakerville.

Mrs. Betsey Benedict has sold her place on South Main street to Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Griffin, who have been living there for several months. This house was built by Nathaniel Jilison whose trade was a cabinet maker and whose shop was the house now the home of John A. Perry.

While wagons are now used in the village and in going to and from Barre, the snow is very deep on the hills in the places where it drifted last winter and only sleighs can be used. An auto from Barre got stuck in the snow beyond M. R. Benevides' on the road from the village to George W. Lynde's farm and was pulled back to Mr. Benevides' by Herbert Croteau, who was passing on that road. There it was able to turn around and return to this village and to Barre by the river road.

Who Will Claim Them?